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US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE ORM PTO-1390 ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER (REV. 01-2003) 122430 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) **DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)** 10/521,248 CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED PCT/JP03/08964 July 15, 2003 July 15, 2002 TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS APPLICANTS FOR DO/EO/US Hideharu ITATANI et al. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. 冈 This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. X This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a.  $\square$  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. is attached hereto. b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). c. 

The International Application was filed in English. 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a.  $\square$  are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. An oath or declaration of the inventors (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. A preliminary amendment. 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. A substitute specification. 16.  $\boxtimes$ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. Transmittal of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 CFR § 3.73(b).

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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND SUBSTRATE

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## TRANSMITTAL OF POWER OF ATTORNEY AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 3.73(b)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Power of Attorney from the Assignee.

In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that HITACHI KOKUSAI ELECTRIC INC. is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors of the patent application identified above. The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NO. 25944, TELEPHONE (703) 836-6400.

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